

REPORT

Of the Committee of Claims in the case of Lemuel Arms.

FEBRUARY 2, 1824.

Read, and, with a bill for his relief, committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

The Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of
Lemuel Arms,

REPORT:

The petitioner states, that, on the 12th day of October, 1814, at Sackett's Harbor, in the state of New York, he was the owner of a building, which building was, on the aforesaid day, by order of Brigadier General Collins, commanding the United States' forces at Sackett's Harbor, issued to the Deputy Quartermaster General, forcibly impressed, and taken possession of for quarters, for the United States' forces; that the building was occupied for quarters, and for stabling, until January, 1815, when the said building was pulled down, by the order of the Assistant Deputy Quartermaster General, to make room for enlarging the cantonment at said place; and that the said building was of the value of one hundred and fifty dollars, including the rent, from the 12th day of October to the time of its destruction, for which the petitioner claims compensation.

The petitioner, in support of his claim, produces the testimony of Silas Pierson, barrack-master. He states that, agreeably to the order of Brigadier General Collins, and the order of Major Samuel Brown, he went to the houses of such of the inhabitants as were required for quarters, and among others, to a building belonging to Lemuel Arms, which was taken possession of, and occupied for quarters for soldiers, for three or four months.

That the building was in possession of, and occupied for quarters for, the militia, for about one month and an half, and then occupied as a stable, until January, 1815, when it was pulled down, and that the value of the building was one hundred and fifty dollars, and the rent worth twelve dollars per month, appears from the testimony of Jna. Buts and Daniel Sandford; the destruction of the building, appears from the testimony of Henry W. Sergeant; the ownership of the building, appears from the testimony of Joseph D. Beal, Asa Pool, Elisha Camp, and Lemuel Arms.

From the testimony accompanying this case, the committee are satisfied that the facts, as stated by the petitioner, are fully proved, and therefore report a bill for his relief.

